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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Request for Continued Examination; Amendment; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a))
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Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$1,110.00 for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,

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